

## **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **STAFF NOTE**

#### **Action/Discussion Item:**

Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Board of Control Appointment  
(Commissioner's recommendation under separate cover)

#### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

702 KAR 7:065

#### **Action Question:**

Will the Kentucky Board of Education confirm the recommended candidate for an at-large member appointment to the KHSAA Board of Control?

#### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy.*** In July 1993, the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) appointed a Commission on Interscholastic Athletics to study the optimum methods and best practices to deliver quality high school interscholastic athletic programs. At the January 1994 KBE meeting, the Commission presented a report outlining recommendations for improvement of the governance of interscholastic athletics. One of the recommendations of the Commission adopted by the KBE was the amendment of the KHSAA Constitution to require the appointment of four outside, at-large members recommended by the Commissioner of Education to the Board of Control. The addition of outside members with possible financial expertise was felt to be a way of broadening the expertise of the Board of Control relative to governance issues.

The Constitution of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Article IV, Section 2 was amended to read as follows:

“Four (4) at-large members of the Board of Control are to be appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education. These members are to be at-large appointments recommended by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education. These appointees shall not be an employee of any member school or its central administration, or the administration of the Kentucky Department of Education. At least one of these appointees shall be an African-American and one shall be a female. Terms of the at-large members shall be staggered so that one is appointed each year.”

It further notes that:

“Members of the Board of Control shall serve a four-year term of office unless filling an unexpired term created by the death or resignation of a member, in which case the balance of the remaining term is the term in office. The term year for the Board of Control is July 1 through June 30.”

Current at-large members serving on the KHSAA Board of Control are:

- \*Mr. L. V. McGinty                      2004 – 2008      Term Expiration date: June 30, 2008
- \*Dr. Steve Parker                      2005 - 2009      Term Expiration date: June 30, 2009
- Ms. Lea Wise Prewit                      2006 – 2010      Term Expiration date: June 30, 2010
- \*Mr. R. Jeffrey Schlosser              2007 – 2011      Term Expiration date: June 30, 2011

\* Currently serving their second term.

### **Policy Issues and Options:**

Mr. L. V. McGinty's term ends June 30, 2008. Mr. McGinty is not eligible for reappointment. The KHSAA appointment announcement was released in March of 2008. The review process adopted by the Kentucky Board of Education was used to identify candidates for the KHSAA Board of Control at-large position. Upon the review of recommended candidates the Kentucky Board of Education will select an individual to serve the four-year term beginning July 2008 through June 2012.

### **Staff Recommendation and Rationale:**

The process for soliciting candidates for the KHSAA Board of Control at-large position yielded five potential applicants. As specified in the KBE-approved process, the Kentucky Department of Education Liaison to KHSAA reviewed all applications to determine if the minimum criteria were met. All applications were submitted to the Commissioner of Education for final review and recommendation to the Kentucky Board of Education. After careful review of the top ranking candidates, the Commissioner of Education will submit a recommendation under separate cover to the Kentucky Board of Education and the Board will then select the at-large member at the June meeting.

### **Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

Strong extracurricular programs, such as athletic programs, are often critical ways to keep some students in school. Appointments such as these are necessary to maintain the effective governance of such programs.

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### **Date:**

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